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- (a) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- (b) An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application, which was filed on November 1, 2001;
 - (c) An executed Verified Statement claiming small entity status;
- (d) An executed Assignment for the above-referenced patent application, the transmittal form and filing fee in the amount of \$40.00 are included herewith; and
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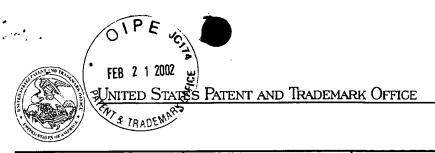
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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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